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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR

By JEHU TRAINER

After General Johnson fell back from Alleghany Mountain to Fairview in Augusta county, Va., near Staunton, the Federal General, Milroy, followed his trail and camped at Monterey in Highland county. He patrolled the roads with his scouts across the mountains within ten miles of Johnson's camps. General Johnson ordered a scout to find the rear of Mikroy's army. His scouts were Captain Harden of Randolph county, and Doek Laing of Barbour county.

A guide was procured and called for volunteers. There were fourteen volunteers from the 25th and 31st Virginia Regiments. Haversacks were filled forty rounds to the man. On the fourth of May we took up the march for the rear of Monterey. After marching all day we struck the Bull Pasture river late in the evening. We halted the scouts as their guide in regard to crossing Jack Mt. He could not tell and I volunteered my services at once to pilot them anywhere that they wanted to go. We marched four miles north of McDowell and when dark overtook us we were close to a house known as the Bodkin house. I told the scouts that I knew Bodkin and would go to the house and see if we could camp with them. Bodkin was away from home but Mrs. Bodkin said she was glad we had come, that the Yanks was't two miles from the house but the Bath Cavalry was between here and the enemy. By moving some plunder out of the rooms she made room for us and we soon laid down to rest for the night with orders for every man to lay by his gun.

We were awakened just before day by the firing of guns and the thundering of horses feet down Crab Run. In less than five minutes we were in line in front of the house. The Bath Cavalry was in full retreat; we could see the flash of the enemy's guns, one dashed in front of the house and halted. It was too dark to tell whether he was friend or foe. The Captain said, "I'll let you know," and fired on him. The horse wheeled at the crack of the gun and he was soon with his comrades above, for he was mortally wounded and died that day. We stood our ground until it was light enough to see. We saw a troop of infantry coming down the pike and we divided our squad and ran across the road and took shelter behind a cliff of rocks and waited until they came within gun shot. Then we opened fire on them. They returned fire but they were only shooting at the smoke from our guns. They left the road and took shelter behind a rail fence.

We soon took up our march across Jack Mountain. I had been on that path once before, down the west side to the settlement where the Monterey and Jackson River roads forked. We crossed Jacksons River along the sides of the McNulty mountains. Near the gap we met up with a battalion of Infantry from Huntersville on their way to join the Yanks at Monterey. We let them pass and then we crossed the road and struck the Monterey mountains. We were soon on top and there we halted. Here we could see all over the head of Jacksons River and the blue grass Doek Laing was using his glass, and I could see right into my home where war was raised; we could part of Monterey and the enemy's camps.

It was late in the evening and the scouts said they would keep three men with them and send me back with eleven men to report to General Johnson that it was a bluff.

We gave the scouts good bye and started down the east side of the mountain. I halted the boys in sixty yards of the Monterey road and six of the enemy's cavalry passed us while we were hid in the brush. We let them pass out of sight.

I told the boys, every man for himself until we struck the timber on the Jack mountain side. As we crossed the road "halt" came from a dozen voices; the next was the minny balls "zip, zip," but we gained the woods on the other side. There was one man missing—Bum Cunningham, father of Dr. Cunningham, who died in Marlinton some years ago.

COUNTY COURT

The first regular term of the county court was held Tuesday, with all the members present.

A compromise was effected with A. R. Smith for right of way on the proposed relocation of the Stamping Creek road on the old Warren right of way. The road superintendent of the district reported some progress made in opening up this road on the section from the church to Mrs. Nottingham's.

Road superintendents Beard, Kessler, Dilley, Wade and Barlow were present at court.

A number of accounts were audited by the court and allowed.

The subject of appointing a general superintendent of roads for the county, sometimes called a county road engineer, was informally discussed by members of the court, and may be taken up seriously at a future term of the court. The need of some such efficient person to look after the loose ends of the road business in the county and generally supervise the work of the road foreman, is increasingly apparent, if the road work to be carried on in a more economical and effective manner.

Road superintendent Hevener Dilley reported that the sum of \$2350 had been spent to date on the new road at J. H. Buzzard's, which sum includes all expense since the beginning of operations on this work some two years ago. The work that remains to be done, which includes breaking in the lower end, and dressing up the road in the spring, is expected to keep the cost of this improvement well within the neighborhood of \$3,008. It will be remembered that the lowest bid for this work was \$4600. Mr. Dilley has taken great pains to secure the greatest amount of road work for the least money, and is to be credited with his good work. For the past month he has been assisted by Hull Kramer and his two sons, all of whom are well known experts in road building.

Next regular session of the court first Tuesday in March.

AN APPRECIATION

In writing of Kenzie F. Elliott, who was killed some weeks ago, a man who knew him well says:

Considering our acquaintance I cannot recall another sad instance that struck me so forcibly. In picturing in my mind what such news really meant, my feelings became more stirred as I reflected upon it. Mr. Elliott was a thoroughly honest, unselfish, kind-hearted husband, father and neighbor. A man, the very atmosphere of whose home seemed to speak peace and harmony, and all qualities of a christian gentleman. He humbly and patiently bore his own burdens without a murmur; and was ever ready with a helping hand for his neighbor. Such were the impressions made on me by Mr. Elliott.

Yes, such news we naturally regret to hear, but let us reflect that God permits things for the best, which sometimes seem hard for us to see in that way. Then, too, it makes me feel glad to think that the family cannot help but find great consolation in reflecting upon Mr. Elliott's good qualities, and feel glad that the mother is spared to her little ones to bless and comfort them. There is always something to be thankful for.

I like to think of Christ's invitation in Matthew 11, 28: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." **ELMER JUDY.** Circleville, W. Va.

The stockholders of the Bank of Hillsboro held their annual meeting on Monday of this week, with a large number present. This Bank's first year in business was a very prosperous one. In addition to paying all expenses incident to organization, the Bank earned 6.14 per cent on its capital of \$25,000, all of which was placed in a surplus fund. The cashier reported to the meeting that both deposits and loans were nearly three times what they were a year ago. The following were elected directors for the year: Geo. W. Callison, F. W. Rockman, C. J. Stulting, N. D. McCoy, Sr., L. S. Cochran, F. P. Kidd, L. P. McLoughlin, Wm. H. Aldridge, Carl G. Beard, G. C. Beard, S. P. Curry, M. N. McCoy, A. R. Smith, C. W. Kinnison, and J. S. McNeel. Geo. W. Callison was elected president; F. W. Rockman, vice president; J. K. Marshall, cashier, and O. B. Davis, teller.

ing that while there were thirty shots fired at us as we crossed that narrow strip of ground. Two days later we were in the battle of McDowell.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

On New Years evening the ladies of the adult Bible Class of the Cass Sunday school gave their teacher, Mrs. Z. M. Ayers, a very pleasant surprise, the date being the anniversary of her birthday. About 7:30 o'clock Mrs. Ayers with a few friends went out on a little errand, and upon their return found her home in possession of her Sunday school class and some other friends who, together had planned the event. Greetings of the season, congratulations, and best wishes were extended with hearty responses. It was a complete surprise, which made an ideal success.

After the greetings and explanations of how it was all accomplished: Mrs. Allie Griffith, in a few well chosen words in behalf of the class, presented their teacher with a copy of Peloubet's Select Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons. To which Mrs. Ayers responded by expressing her appreciation of the kind feeling thought represented by the gift, and a promise that she would make returns each Sabbath day before her class. Another feature of the surprise was the delicious refreshments provided and served by those who had charge, which was enjoyed by every one present.

"During the evening Mrs. Myrtle Irvine rendered several delightful selections on the piano, and Miss Ada Doyle gave a splendid recitation, which added much to the pleasure of the evening. Those present were, Mrs. D. D. Hazeltine, Mrs. E. E. Stitzinger, Mrs. Laura Marshall, Mrs. Mildred Hazeltine and little son David Mrs. J. P. Gorgy, Mrs. George Oliver, Mrs. S. A. Oliver, Mrs. J. C. Haupt, Mrs. Abbie Ball, Mrs. Myrtle Irvine, Mrs. H. O. Pleasant, Mrs. W. A. Hammen, Mrs. L. W. Robinson, Mrs. Ed Jackson, Mrs. E. J. Shafer, Mrs. Emma Stover, Mrs. Allie Griffith, Misses Mattie Smith, Ada Doyle, Anna Lee Anderson, Allie Cassell, Waller Shefer, Dr. and Mrs. Z. M. Ayers.

CASS

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Figs and little daughter Margaret of Salis bury, Md., are here visiting Mrs. Figs' brother, H. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Huff were called to Charlottesville, Va., by the death of Mrs. Huff's mother, Mrs. Drumheiler, of that city.

Joseph A. Ayers, principal of the High school at Jane Lew, Lewis county, who spent the holiday vacation with his parents, returned to his work Thursday.

Mrs. R. S. Hickman will leave this week for a visit to relatives in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hazeltine spent a few days last week visiting their son Ivan Hazeltine in Elkins.

Dr. Hugh Neel has returned after spending the holidays with his parents at Staunton, Va.

There is an epidemic of grippe, and many of our citizens are suffering from this malady.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The Marlinton Hospital this week completes its first year, and reports a remarkably successful year. Over two hundred patients were admitted.

Dr. Solter returned from a trip to Baltimore last week. The patients going home recovered the past week are, Squire G. M. Kee, amputated thumb; J. W. Yeager, Berlin Fitzgerald; Antonio Frank; Mrs. Samuel Meadows, from operation; Anatol Norak of Spruce, from operation; Bruno Morrison, of Bushy, crushed leg.

Mrs. Henry M. Brown, of Greensboro, is improving.

P. A. Smith, who has been in the hospital the past month, is able to visit his father's home at Hillsboro.

L. S. Cochran is being treated for an injured arm and broken ribs received in a runaway accident.

Mrs. Maria Strader, of Huntersville, is at the Hospital for treatment.

S. L. Brown, the local weather observer, reports for the month of December as follows: Average high temperature 38 degrees, average low temperature 19 degrees, average temperature 26 degrees; total rainfall was 4.18 inches, and 1.15 inches fell on the 18th. There were seven inches of snow in the month. Rain fell on twelve days, and there were two clear days, 21 partly cloudy and 8 cloudy days. Sleet fell on the 16th. The warmest was 50 on the 25th and the coldest was 2 degrees on the 15th. The greatest daily range was 28 degrees on the 23rd, from 16 to 44 degrees.

Over at Elkins Harris A. Jones of the Weather Bureau, reported: The warmest was 57 degrees on the 25th, the coldest 2 degrees on the 11th. The average temperature for the month was 30 degrees and the normal temperature is 32 degrees. The highest for the month in a record of 17 years was 71 degrees and the lowest in that time was 10 degrees below. Total rainfall was 4.18 inches. The normal rain fall for the month is 3.42 inches. For the year the deficiency in rain amounts to only 1.50 inches below normal. There were 6 cloudy days and 21 partly cloudy. Rain fell on 18 days.

A. G. Wade of Trainer, Greenbrier county, one day recently killed a bear at the St. Lawrence mill on Meadow Creek. He was out hunting with a party for a bear that had been tracked to that neighborhood from Pocahontas county and caught up with it at the mill.—White Sulphur Sentinel.

Pupils of Green Hill school who have been neither absent nor tardy during the third month are Leo Davis, Garland Gum, Gray McLoughlin, Melvin, Ward, and Dennis Wooddell, Gladys Gum, Ethel and Mamie Jackson, Margaret and Glenna McLoughlin, Ada and Ethel Wooddell. Faith Hutchison, Teacher.

CHRISTMAS

By EMMA BURNER

As the Christmas bells are ringing Far and wide o'er all the earth, Let the holy King be honored While we celebrate his birth.

Let us tell the truth to children, In accordance with God's laws, Never telling them a falsehood 'Of a wondrous Santa Claus.

In their hearts, of faith implicit, Never saw the seeds of doubt That the future years will ripen And can ne'er be rooted out.

Youthful minds can grasp the teaching Of the Great Redeemer's cause, Just as early as the story Of a fancied Santa Claus.

Much more wonderful than fiction Is the life of Jesus Christ; How he suffered here among us, And for sin was sacrificed.

We must teach this to the children In fulfilling God's commands; Mold their lives while young and pliant,

As the clay in potter's hands.

This would not deprive of pleasure, Or with hold their Christmas toys; But implant the truth within them, Which would yield them richer joys.

Why not give these gifts as emblems Of the gift our Father gave, When he sent His Son among us For our dying souls to save?

We should let no idle jesting Mingle in this sacred cause; Simply speak the truth to children, Say there is no Santa Claus.

It is time to rise and tell them We the olden myth condemn, And in place to tell the story Of the Star of Bethlehem.

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The Marlinton & Stony Creek Mutual Telephone Company held its annual meeting at Pine Grove school house Saturday, January 1. The following officers were elected for the coming year: T. S. Delaney, president; J. W. G. Smith, vice-president; E. F. McLoughlin, A. S. Gay, W. S. Gilmore, directors; Geo. A. C. Aldridge, secretary and treasurer; A. S. Gay, linesman.

Miss Grace Barlow was given a surprise party Friday night. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Baxter, Reed Moore, George Waugh, Frank and Clark Young, Leo Price, Charley and Fred Barlow Claude McLoughlin, French Hoover; Misses Glenna Eubank, Oleta Gay, Kate Wood, Bettie Hoover, Roxie and Katie Barlow. Some time was spent in playing old time games, after which they all marched to the dining room where they were served with refreshments.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, January 2, 1916, a ten pound daughter; both mother and child are getting along nicely.

Miss Gladys Poling returned Sunday from Belington where she had spent the holidays.

Rev. J. M. Walker preached to a good congregation at Hamlin Chapel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Ann Duncan left Tuesday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Wash Hill, at Lobelia.

W. G. Cochran is attending the farmers agricultural meeting at Morgantown this week.

Miss Ruth White returned to Buckhannon, where she has been attending school, Tuesday.

Miss Bettie Hoover has been spending a few days with her brother, French Hoover.

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SLATY FORK

Harry Baxter spent Xmas at his home at Onoto.

Miss Evie Thomas is spending a few days with her parents at Stony Bottom.

L. D. Sharp's car load of feed was quickly sold. We should not send all our surplus money west.

Rev. H. Coffman preached a very interesting sermon Sunday to an attentive congregation.

Miss Violet Sharp expects to return to the Massey Business College at Richmond, after the holidays.

The Xmas tree and entertainment, conducted by our teacher, D. A. Tharp, was a great success. We had the best of order and everything went off nicely.

Jesse P. Hannah has returned from the Massey Business College at Richmond to spend the holidays.

There is much interest taken in our prayer services.

We very much miss W. W. Kennison and his little army of workmen. We can recommend Mr Kennison to anyone wanting to build a first class modern house. His work here speaks for itself.

Miss Myrtle Hoover fell from a footbridge, sustaining slight injuries.

Dr. Shell will be back in a few days from a hospital in Norfolk.

Mr. Berry got hurt by a fall from his mule.

Mr and Mrs Chas. Craddock are visiting at G. C. Hoover's.

Miss Mary Gibson is visiting Miss Myrtle Hoover.

Misses Mabel and Frankie Showalter spent Xmas at Hoxie, McClung's.

We think it would be a good thing for Pocahontas if there could be a drone trap at the top of the mountain, so that when the booze drinkers go over to the Hot Springs they would have to stay

THE CRUELTY OF WAR

Hark! the cannons loudly roar, And smoke hangs thick in air and sky;

Lo, the flash of guns! How bullets pour! To kill each other, hard they try.

Oh, see the armies—how they run Each other, and the swords do fly; Shot down like dogs, a mother's son!

And sorrowing parents—how they cry! Many homes captured—fired they

Which men have worked for all their lives. And many fathers fall today

And leave behind their cherished wives. Oh, shame! shame on any land,

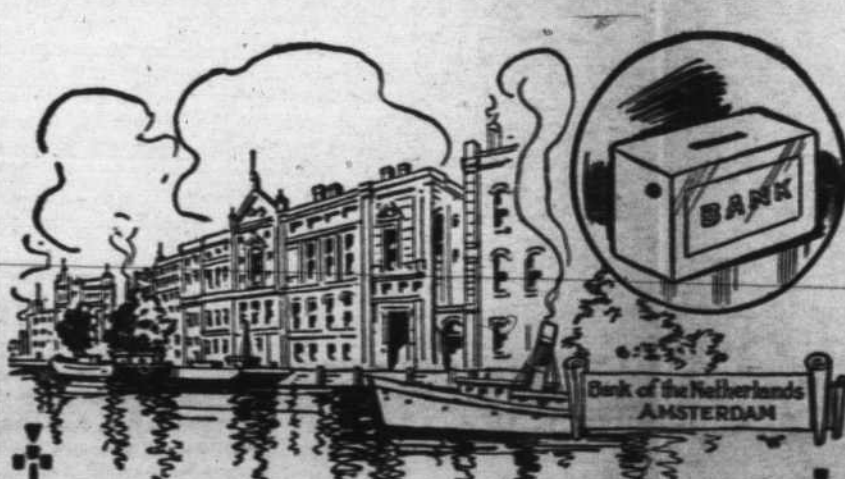
To cause the blood of men to flow, And leave distress on every hand, And bring to many homes

much woe. 'Tis better far to rule by love.

For peace will surely then prevail, God's way is love; 'tis from above, All other ways are sure to fail.

Albert E. Vassar. St. Louis, Missouri. Selected by Mrs. H. P. Harding, Hosterman, W. Va.

over there. We can get along without them, and the young men growing up would not be influenced to follow in their footsteps. If the booze drinkers would but collect together and there do their wallowing in the mire, some of them might get enough of such a life and company, and resolve if let come back to Pocahontas they would lead better lives and never visit a saloon again. The drunkards do not want to get off to them selves, but they often come where there is a gathering of civilized people. If they could only see themselves as others see them they would quickly reform. We hope that our land and nation will soon be rid of the great curse of drink.



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